

TULSA COURT BILL GOES TO GOVERNOR

Both Houses of Oklahoma Legislature Pass Measure Creating Municipal Tribunal.

PUTS CHECK ON CRIME HERE

Wide Scope Given to City Attorney in Prosecution of Offenders of All Kinds.

The new Tulsa municipal court bill, which has been pending in the legislature for some time, has passed both houses of the Oklahoma legislature and is now awaiting the signature of Governor Robertson.

Tulsa will then possess a municipal court with jurisdiction more far-reaching than any other city in the state has had heretofore, a court with even more jurisdiction than the county court.

J. Marshall, city attorney, is the author of the bill. Mr. Marshall and Mayor Mulford have been working for some time to have the bill passed. Although framed especially to apply to Tulsa, the new law will also include Oklahoma City in its scope. The new tribunal is to be known as the municipal criminal court. It will coordinate with the county court in the suppression of crime within the city limits.

Under the new law there is but one appeal from the municipal criminal court, that is to the criminal court of appeals. It is the opinion of the city attorney that there will be few appeals.

As a certified court of record the proceedings are reviewable on appeal to the higher criminal court.

Having power to try and convict offenders against the state statutes and within the county court and also violations of state laws punishable in a justice of the peace court, the city of Tulsa will now hold a powerful check on the criminal elements of the city. Every offense committed against the ordinances of the municipality are also punishable in the new court.

Practically all trials will be conducted with a jury and in general the new municipal court will work along the same lines as that of the county with the exception that a city jury will be comprised of 12 men instead of six. The only case not punishable by fine is that where the punishment is not to exceed \$25 and costs. The city attorney and his assistant will act as prosecutors in the same capacity as the legal department of the county.

The municipal criminal court will also be empowered to issue search warrants and practically the only point at which its authority is checked is in a trial on the commission of a felony. Petty larceny comes under the authority. In fact the new tribunal is the city of Tulsa in its attempt to cope with criminals have been out and there will be no more evasion of the law by the Tulsa police proceedings.

City officials are highly pleased with the passage of the bill and eager to see it finally ratified by the governor.

ANNULMENT IS SOUGHT OF RUSSIAN MARRIAGE

Full divorce was filed in district court by a woman in divorce proceedings, Jennie Katskin, the plaintiff, alleging cruelty on the part of her husband, who is now living with his mother in Washington, D. C., and seek residence elsewhere.

The plaintiff and defendant were married in Russia in 1908, according to the petition, and in 1909 they removed to Washington, but because of the alleged nagging disposition of his wife he was compelled to leave his family.

Nagging, while seeking divorce from his wife stipulates that he wishes to continue to contribute to the support of his three minor children who are now living with the mother in Washington.

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